

THOMAS HICKEY.

JUNE 23, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MAHANY, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5326.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5326) for the relief of Thomas Hickey, having had same under consideration, report as follows:

In the report of the War Department, compiled from the records of the same, it is shown that—

Thomas Hickey, private of Captain Barker's Squadron, of McClellan's Dragoons, subsequently Company I, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry Volunteers, was enrolled on October 22, 1861, to serve three years.

The company muster rolls of October 31 and December 31, 1862, and February 28, 1863, report him, "Taken prisoner at Centerville, August 30, 1862, now on parole." (The Twelfth Illinois Cavalry Volunteers was engaged in battle of Second Bull Run, Virginia, August 30, 1862.)

The special muster roll of April 10, 1863, reports him "Deserted while prisoner on parole."

His name is not borne on any subsequent muster rolls of the company.

He was declared duly exchanged per General Orders, No. 191, War Department, A. G. O., November 19, 1862.

Records of prisoners of war show that he was at Camp Parole, Md., detailed as nurse; but the date of his arrival there, his detail as nurse, and his departure can not be determined.

He was paroled near Centerville, Va., August 31, 1862.

From the testimony submitted it would appear that in September, 1862, he wished to rejoin his company, but his captain could not permit him to rejoin it then because the soldier was not yet exchanged. The man then went home to his father, at Chicago, Ill., and there he remained, not concealing his whereabouts, but writing to his captain, offering to rejoin his company upon notification to do so; but the captain, not knowing that this soldier had been exchanged, never notified him to rejoin his company.

Later in the war he enlisted again in Company D, One hundred and second New York Infantry, for one hundred days, and served out his term of enlistment. The evidence on file at the War Department shows that Hickey was all the time ready and willing to rejoin his command.

Affidavit of David C. Brown, the captain of Hickey's company—viz, Company I, Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry—which is made a part of this report, shows the above to be a fact, and clearly sets forth that Hickey never intended to desert. His captain's affidavit and affidavits of his comrades, printed herewith, show him to have been a good and faithful soldier. He was a boy of but 17 years of age when he enlisted. He is now a respected citizen of Chicago, Ill.

All the evidence in the case shows it to be one of merit, and therefore the committee recommend that the bill do pass with the following amendment:

Provided, That no pay, bounty, or other emoluments shall become due or payable by virtue of the passage of this act.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Kane County, city of Elgin, ss:

In the matter of the reinstatement of Thomas Hickey, of Company B, McClellan's Dragoons, afterwards Company I, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry.

Capt. David C. Brown, of Company B, McClellan's Dragoons, afterwards Company I, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, of the town of Hampshire, Kane County, Ill., being first duly sworn, on his oath states that he has known said Thomas Hickey since the 22d day of October, 1861, at which time he enlisted for a term of three years in Company B, McClellan's Dragoons, and immediately joined his company and reported for duty, and remained in the company, doing good service, up to and until the 30th day of August, 1862, when he was taken prisoner at Centerville, Va. He was paroled on the 31st day of August, 1862. He then returned to his company and reported to me, and said "that he was ready and willing to rejoin his company if I would let him do so." I then told him that he could not join the company until he was released or properly exchanged, and to the best of my knowledge and belief I was never notified of his release or exchange during my term of service with the command. I recollect having received a letter from him stating that he was ready to rejoin his company as soon as I would notify him that he had been released or exchanged. But I have no recollection of having received such notice myself and therefore did not notify him. To the best of my knowledge and belief I carried said Thomas Hickey on parole until I was wounded and left the command; then Lieutenant Mitchell took command of my company until I was discharged for disability.

Affiant further states that he has the documents in his possession substantiating the above statements up to January 31, 1863.

Affiant further states that said company was an independent squadron, hailing from no State, and that there was either an act of Congress or an order from headquarters doing away with all independent companies or squadrons, and that we had the right to be mustered out or hail from some State. We then took a vote and chose Illinois as our State; and, as the said Thomas Hickey was not present at the time of said vote and had no voice in the matter, he was, in my opinion, entitled to an honorable discharge.

DAVID C. BROWN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of July, 1886.

[SEAL.]

FRANK W. JASLYN, *Notary Public.*

I, Alexis C. Burdick, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am acquainted with Thomas Hickey, formerly a private in Capt. David C. Brown's Company B, McClellan Dragoons; that I enlisted in same company on or about the same time at Chicago, Ill., and I continued to serve in same company with him until the battle of Bull Run, in 1862, and that I know him to have been taken prisoner at the aforesaid battle. I also know him to have been a good and faithful soldier up to this time.

ALEXIS C. BURDICK,
Company B, McClellan Dragoons.

CHICAGO, October 28, 1887.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of October, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL.]

J. B. SHEPARD, *Notary Public.*

I, James H. Bonfield, being duly sworn, says: I am acquainted with Thomas Hickey, formerly a private in Capt. David Brown's Company B, McClellan Dragoons; that I enlisted with him in said command in October, 1861, in the city of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, and that I served with him in said command until the second battle of Bull Run in 1862, at which time I know him to have been taken a prisoner of war; also, that I saw and conversed with him after he was paroled and previous to his being sent to Washington, D. C., as as a paroled prisoner; also, that I know the aforesaid Thomas Hickey to have been a good soldier and loyal to his country during the time he served with the aforesaid command.

JAMES H. BONFIELD,
Company B, McClellan Dragoons.

CHICAGO, *October 1, 1887.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL.]

J. B. SHEPARD, *Notary Public.*

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1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the existence of solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the system has solutions for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β if and only if the condition $\alpha + \beta = 1$ is satisfied. In this case the solutions are unique and are given by the formulas

2. The second part of the paper is devoted to a detailed study of the properties of the solutions of the system (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions are continuous functions of the parameters α and β and that they are differentiable with respect to the parameters α and β if the condition $\alpha + \beta = 1$ is satisfied.

3. The third part of the paper is devoted to a study of the asymptotic properties of the solutions of the system (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the solutions have the asymptotic expansion